

Bridge Connection

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**Community Newspaper for the Mia Mia - Redesdale
Region Including Heathcote, Derrinal, Glenhope, Baynton, Sidonia, Barfold, Langley, Sutton
Grange, Elphinstone and Kyneton**

OUR BEAUTIFUL DEBUTANTES

On Friday 15th May, 25 Debutantes from Kyneton Secondary College were presented to various dignitaries including Jennifer Anderson - Mayor of Macedon Ranges Shire Council. The night was well represented by locals - Tahlia Campbell, Hayley Matthews, Luke Crozier, Leah Short, Frances Noonan, Sasha Sciberras, Chantelle Sciberras and Jasmine Sciberras with Lucy Noonan as flower girl. The dances were well rehearsed, and very well executed on the night. In stark contrast to my own deb 30 years ago, the music was fun and upbeat and included 'Uptown Funk', 'Budapest', and 'Freaks' (by Timmy Trumpet). The event was held at Melrose Receptions, Tullamarine, which provided a magnificent backdrop to our stunning debbs and their handsome partners. There were a few nervous parents when it came time to dance the 'Pride of Erin' with their children, but all went well, no doubt with a few sweaty palms involved! Congratulations to everyone involved on the night.



Lisa Campbell Left to right: Tahlia Campbell, Jasmine Sciberras, Hayley Matthews, Brodie Brent and Chantelle Sciberras



RATS OF THE SKY - INDIAN MYNA BIRDS

Have you seen any in our area? They are in Kyneton, and Barfold, and are probably moving up to us. They often use roads as travelling corridors. They are very destructive when it comes to native bird species, even attacking kookaburras and killing most of the smaller native fledglings.

Ron Fink from Macedon Ranges Indian Myna Action Group spoke recently at a Land-care meeting in Barfold. He passed on the following information...

With simple wire traps our members have trapped more than 1700 Indian mynas in the last 12 months. MRIMAG's goal is the reduction and control of numbers of this invasive pest species and we are thrilled with these results from the 205 trappers across the shire and town coordinators. *continued page 8*





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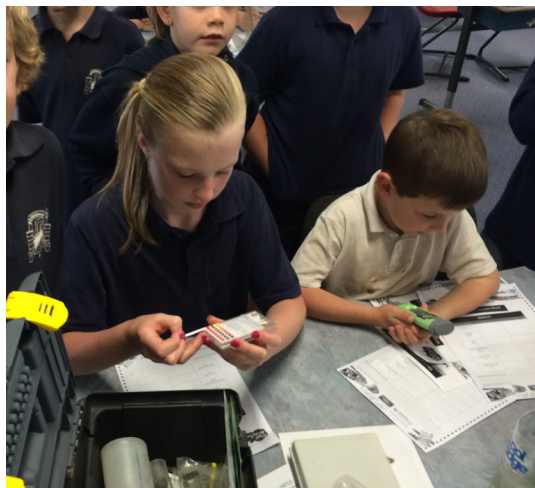
Kerbside Pride

We had a visit from Bridgette to learn about reducing the amount of waste in our school. We played games and learnt how compost bins work. Bridgette also presented us with a worm farm.



River Detectives

Students completed their first tests of the river for 2015. We are sharing our data with other schools along the Campaspe.



Planting our Gallipoli Oak for ANZAC 2015



Cross Country at Mt Lofty

We had beautiful weather for our school cross country. All students had a go on our very challenging course followed by a beautiful lunch supplied by Jo Smith- Sargent



Biggest Morning Tea

The students performed for locals at the Redesdale hall and enjoyed the cakes and slices afterwards!



Education Week

We celebrated education week with a maths games day including a paper plane making competition with parents. We also learnt about coding using Scratch

Term 2 Theme ~ "Sustainability"

Editorial

Well, we have survived our first edition produced by the amateur editors of the committee and it seems as though Edition 64 was well received. We realise there were layout mistakes and spelling mistakes here and there, but please be patient with us! It is a work in progress. We celebrated the printing of our new edition with a little sparkling wine and a cake (see pictures).

There have already been positive connections made from the publication as the Rural Café now features Norma's famous apple pie!

There has been no shortage of local content and we are extremely grateful for this. The success of the Bridge Connection depends upon the input of our readers.

It is amazing how much is going on in such a small community. The school in particular, appears to be thriving under the new school principal, Mr Joe Sebire, who has joined a number of local groups.

Don't forget to keep an eye on local events through the www.redesdale.net website. That is where you can also find the electronic full colour edition of the paper and old copies.

Hope you like the new look rainfall records. Thanks to Betty Schiegechek and Mary Bennett for their regular rainfall recordings.

Kathy Hall and Regina Bennett



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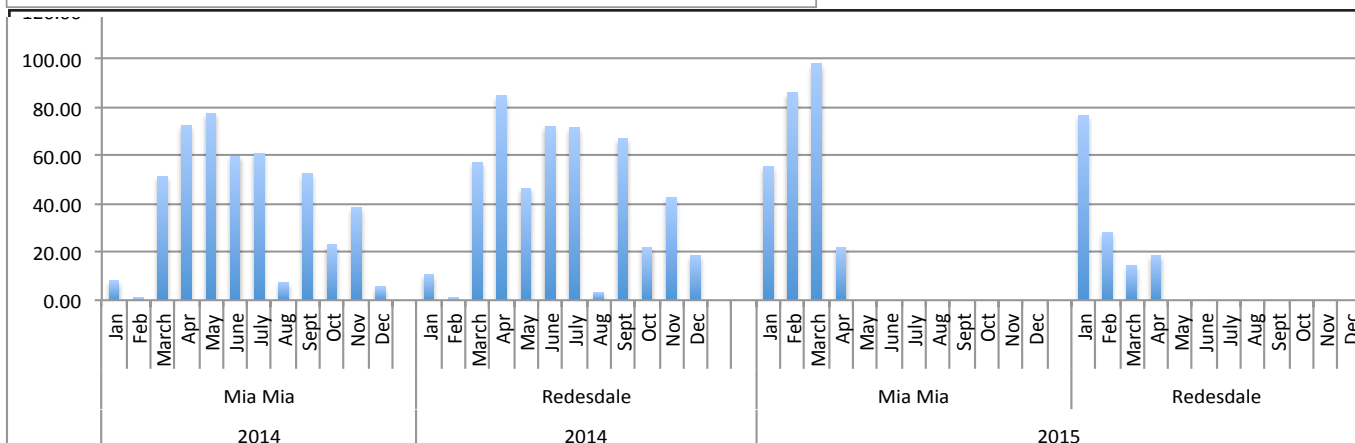
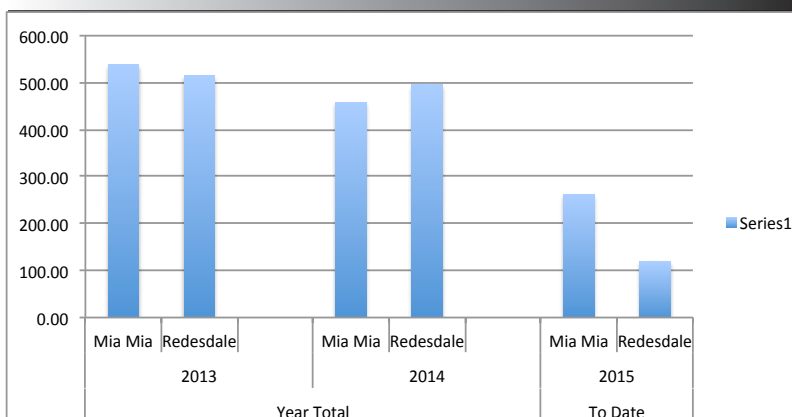
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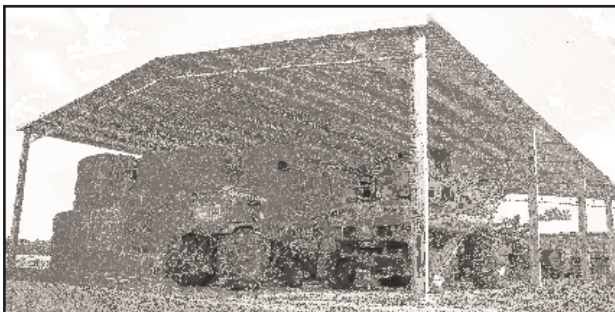
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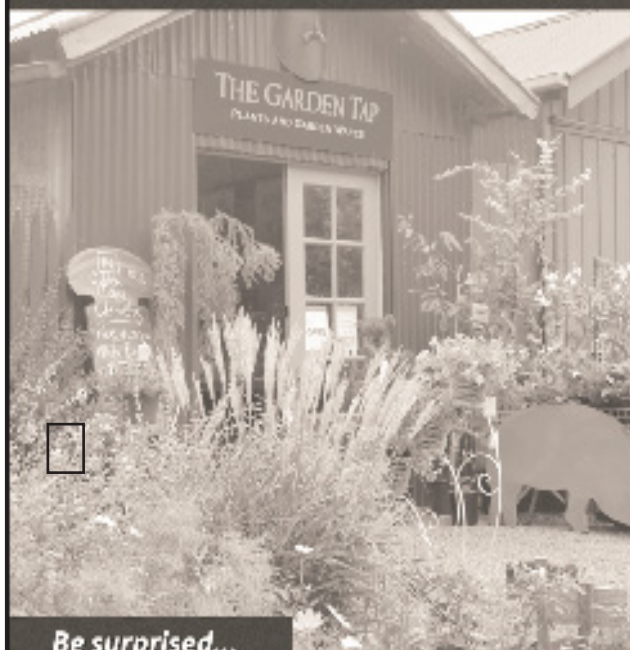
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I am writing with regard to the current local laws regarding the access of dogs to public spaces. I have recently become aware that some owners have been leaving their dogs (not on a lead) loose within the fencing at the children's playground behind the Redesdale Hall. I understand that this practice has been ongoing for some time and can see that it would be a safe place to let your dog run whilst stopping off to use the public toilets. With current laws, dogs are allowed in the playground as long as they are on a lead and the Shire have put up a sign accordingly.

I have two concerns with this issue:

1. Health: Infants (and some small children) are notorious for putting anything and everything into their mouths....(!)
2. Safety: There is a risk that a dog on the loose may not at first be noticed by anyone entering the playground with their children.

The City of Greater Bendigo currently have an online survey at: www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/animals regarding their "Domestic Animal Management Plan", (there is a link on our facebook page) which gives readers the opportunity to express their thoughts and ideas and finishes at 5.00 p.m., 31st July, 2015. A copy can be mailed by contacting Anthony Schofield on 5434 6144.

I feel that this matter may well be relevant in other towns and perhaps some Bendigo suburbs as well and the survey gives us the perfect chance to have a say and perhaps make a difference.

Yours Sincerely,

C. Boyd.

***Redesdale featured on radio:
Breakfast with Jonathan Ridnell
ABC Central Victoria Friday 5th June at
6.25 am***

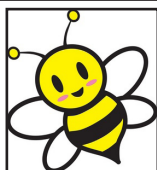
Community Engagement Meetings

Mia Mia
Tues 13 October 7.30pm – 9pm
Mia Mia Mechanics Institute Hall

Redesdale
Monday 19 October 7.30 – 9pm
Redesdale Hall

WORKING BEE

There will be a working bee at the



Redesdale Reserve commencing at 9am on Sunday June 14th.

The reserve committee will provide a BBQ lunch and drinks.

Dear Editors and Committee Members of the Bridge Connection,

A short note to you all to congratulate you on the new look "Bridge Connection" newspaper.

I found it a very interesting read this month, with plenty of local news in it. The colour pages were a great bonus.

Best wishes for your continued success.

Regards

Norma Barker

Dear Editors,

I would like to congratulate the Redesdale Hall Committee on the great success of their Biggest Morning Tea. I loved the school performance too. It is also great news about the official naming of the Redesdale Bridge and I look forward to the 150th birthday celebrations on the bridge. I am also hoping that some of those federal budget roads funds get to the region.

With best wishes,

Helen Leach

Councillor, Eppalock Ward, City of Greater Bendigo

REDESDALE PLAYGROUP

As there has been no-one attending the Playgroup on Fridays at the school this term, it has been decided not to continue with the playgroup at this time. If another day or time suits you better, can you please let the school know, and we will try to organise the playgroup at a time that is more suitable.

Thanks, Sue Stewart

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Memory of Gordon Knight 10.6.1928 - 26.4.2015

Gordon was born on 10th of June 1928, the second son of Rupert and Elizabeth Knight. His parents met in Scotland when Rupert was on sick leave during the 1914 -1918 war. Prior to their marriage in 1924, a farm was purchased east of Spring Plains with the assistance of the Soldier Settlement Board. Gordon's schooling began when he was four at the Spring Plains School which closed soon after the start of the Second World War. For a short time he continued school at Mia Mia.

The Spring Plains Homestead was bought in 1937 and the family moved to live there in 1940. Because of the labour shortage caused by the war Gordon was soon home on the farm. Subsidies influenced farming of that period and dairying as well as pigs, calves and sheep and some crops were grown. Both farms were being worked and transport was by horse and gig due to petrol rationing.

Rabbits were in plague proportions and leisure times were rare. Gordon played tennis when he could and was a keen dancer. Comfort Fund Dances and Card Parties were the main social activities of the time.

Due to his father's declining health, the original farm was sold and Gordon took the dairy herd to a share farm near Morwell. At 19 this was a big change for him, 'batching' and with only a bike for transport.

When he returned to Mia Mia, he continued to work on farms in the district. In NSW he worked on wool pressing and wool classing. Eventually he bought the property at Baynton, and while working with the Primary Producers Union he recognized the similarity of the country to some of the vine yards in the Great Western Region. This was the beginning of his plan to establish Granite Hills.

Ellis Knight



Gordon and Heather Knight on their wedding day

PUBLIC NOTICE

Redesdale Recreation Reserve Committee

Bore water availability at the Agnes Mudford Reserve, Redesdale, as from Wednesday 1 July 2015.

The public bore will be locked and available to residents between 9am and noon on Sundays. As advised by Goulburn-Murray Water the drought relief bores were drilled for drought relief and emergency D & S supplies.

Once the drought finished the public could still access the bore for emergency D&S supplies.

It appears a lot of people access the bore for their ongoing D&S needs and are not making any long term plans for water supply.

Further details to be published in future editions of the Bridge Connection.

Craig and Bec's wedding



On Saturday April 18th, Bec Williams and Craig O'Neill, who live on Coliban Estate, Redesdale, tied the knot at their delightful wedding. The ceremony was held at the picturesque Castlemaine Botanical Gardens and the reception at the Strathfieldsaye Sportsclub.

FARMERS MARKETS

Woodend Community Farmers' Market -
Sat 6th June
Cnr High & Forest Streets, Woodend -
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Kyneton Farmers' Market -
Sat 13th June
St Pauls Park, Piper Street, Kyneton -
54 221 025 Veronica Manifold

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Mynas

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But the icing on the cake is feedback on the return of native birdlife. Jenny Zimmerman, a trapper in the local area, said "I had a flock of a dozen Indian mynas which pretty much ruled my garden. In my first month of trapping I very easily caught 13 mynas, and that pretty much cleared my garden of them. Then last spring a pair started checking out next-door's eaves for a possible nesting site: I moved the trap closer to where they were hanging out and caught three birds. Since then, no mynas to speak of.

"What I have noticed – and this has been quite dramatic and exciting – is a marked increase in the smaller native birds in my garden: two species of thornbills; silvereyes; smaller honeyeaters such as yellow-faced and white-eared; blue wrens; a pair of grey fantails and red-browed firetails. These birds did occur before, but their frequency and numbers have increased. That gives me all the reason I need to persist with my trapping." You can either have diverse native birds in an area, or you can have Indian mynas, but you can't have both.

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The Bridge Heritage Quilt Project Update

On May 23rd, a workshop was held at the school to discuss how the Bridge Heritage Quilt Project should progress. This is a project to commemorate the 150th birthday of the Redesdale Bridge which occurs in January 2018. It is hoped that the presentation of this artwork will form part of a larger celebration of the event. This is to be a joint project between Mia Mia, Redesdale and the Primary School.

School Principal, Mr. Joe Sebire facilitated the workshop which produced a great many ideas and decisions in the two and a half hours of a Saturday morning.

(N.B. For brevity, the project will be referred to as a "quilt" project, although the form of the panels will be as wall-hanging textile artwork – not a quilt as such which often carries connotations of a bed-spread).

Those present at the workshop were: Wendy Hulls (Mia Mia), Judy Firkin (Mia Mia), Ruth Booker (Redesdale), Mary Bennett (Mia Mia), Kathy Hall (Redesdale) Joe Sebire (School Principal), Jo Smith-Sargent, (School Board, Redesdale), Gloria Pocock (Redesdale). At the start of the meeting, a video was played showing a similar (though larger project) which has recently taken place in England commemorating 400 years of a village school.

At the workshop, the following decisions were made:

1. Three quilt panels to be produced; one for Mia Mia, one for the school and one for Redesdale. It was agreed that the panels each be approximately door sized although the hanging spaces at the Redesdale and Mia Mia Halls need to be considered.
2. General agreement that a bridge shape could connect the panels.
3. It was felt that the three panels should compliment each other in terms of size of visual elements and colour themes. It may be at times that each panel is separated to be hung in appropriate areas – such as the school panel at the school – but at most times would hang together. Therefore the size of the three panel work must be taken into account.
4. Applications will be made for \$300 for seed funding from local committees. When the design stage is further advanced, applications will be made for funding various stages of the project. The Redesdale and District Association will be asked to 'auspice' the project for reasons of funding applications.
5. Photographs have been the main source of inspiration for panel sections in other projects. It was decided to set up a photographic event (such as a photo trail) to produce some inspiring photos.
6. It was suggested that the first design should start with the school. Panel themes will include pictures of our landscape, wildlife, history, farming life, wine, olives and various other horticultural activities, birdlife, sporting activities and the events which bring us together now and in the past.

Kathy Hall, Project Manager

Sunday Middy Meal

At a recent Redesdale hall committee meeting, the possibility of running a Sunday midday meal (in the style of a senior citizens lunch at minimal cost) was discussed. The aim is to give community members a chance to get together over a meal (cooked by someone else), have a chat, relax, and maybe listen to some nice piano music. Churchgoers could come straight from church and it is hoped the transport could be arranged for those needing it. Good home cooking would be the style of the menu with soup, main course and dessert. Roasts, stews and casseroles for winter and salads for summer, with apple pie, queen pudding, bread and butter custard for winter and fruit salad, trifle and pavlova for summer. These are examples only - the menus have not been fully discussed.

The lunch would possibly be held every three months.

To enable the proposal to be taken further, an indication of likely support is needed. The committee would like to know of your interest, by the 30th June 2015.

please contact Norma Barker on 5425 3174 or email: Verada@onaustralia.com.au or by mail at PO, Redesdale.

Agnes Mudford

I am sure most people know by now that our great friend, Agnes Mudford, is in hospital - at the moment in Anne Caudle. I visited Agnes and it hit home to me how much she had changed from when I first met her in 1980.

Agnes was probably the first local John and I met when we came to Redesdale. At that time she was a vibrant 61 years young. She made us feel very welcome and kept us informed of all that was happening in the town.

When I visited Agnes in hospital I thought of an article which I had read in a magazine about an elderly lady and a follow up response from nurses in a later article.

I thought of Agnes and her nurses who would not be seeing the vibrant person she once was. They would know her as a young person.

This is not their fault, but it did make me think. Haven't we all had occasions such as this?

I wish Agnes all the best and send her my love,

Regards to all,

Keep well,

Norma Barker



WE HAVE A NAME AT LAST!

Readers will be aware that recently it was discovered that the bridge that unites Mia Mia and Redesdale had never had its name officially registered. Due to the hard work and tenacity of people including Andrew Campbell, Jill James, Hilary Jankelson and historian Ken James – not to mention the absolute cooperation of the people of Mia Mia and Redesdale – the situation has been remedied. The bridge is now officially the Redesdale Bridge, the name it was christened with in 1868.

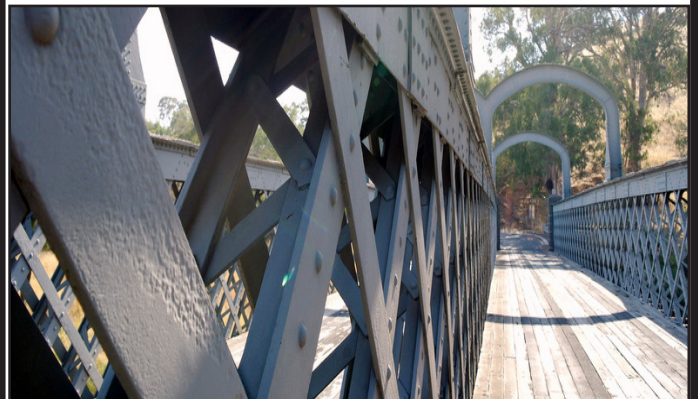
It will be remembered that the City of Greater Bendigo conducted a survey of residents and a vast majority of respondents preferred the name 'Redesdale Bridge'. The result of this survey was taken to the COGB Council meeting on Nov 12 2014 and the Council resolved to "formally adopt the name proposed for the bridge over the Campaspe River between Mia Mia and Redesdale as the 'Redesdale Bridge'."

This Council resolution was forwarded to VicRoads who are the owners of the bridge, asking them to consider formally approving the naming of the bridge. VicRoads agreed and presented the request to the Office of Geographic Names early in 2015.

The Registrar considered the matter and the name of the Redesdale Bridge was adopted and formally gazetted in the Victorian Government Gazette on March 19th 2015.

Ken James approached the National Trust and Heritage Victoria through an incredibly comprehensive and detailed submission, to similarly change their references to the bridge name. He was successful in that they have both changed their registration details to reflect the name Redesdale Bridge as the primary name. However, there are still some references in their publications such as 'sometimes referred to in the past as the Mia Mia Bridge'. This is proving difficult to change.

The new formalization of the bridge name is a credit to all those who persevered and we can now approach the 150 year celebration with some clarity!





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The second Tuesday of each month, 7.30 pm - Rec. Reserve Meetings.

Every Thursday evening until last Revellers - Revelers Rehearsals.

First Monday of each month, 10am or 4.15pm, Bridge Connection Committee meeting.
Second Tuesday of each month, 1pm, Hall Committee meeting.
Second Tuesday of each month, 7.30pm, Recreation Reserve Committee meeting.

Events:

Sat. 30th May, 13th June, 20th June, 27th June, 4th July-Revellers.

Friday, 17th July - Otis Foundation/RaDA Dinner & Talk.

Sunday, 20th September, 2015 - Afternoon Tea Dance.

Monday, 19th October - 7.30 pm: Community District Engagement Meeting.

Friday, 30th Oct., Sat 31st Oct., Sun. 1st Nov. - Art Show.

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Redesdale Recreation Reserve Committee of Management Inc.

Chairman's Monthly Report

Hi Redesdalian's,

A whole month has passed since my last report and some exciting developments have occurred.

- All new committee nominations have been approved by the government minister, which allows the committee to get on with the job ahead.
- Following applications for two grants by the previous committee, we have followed up and been successful with both;
 1. To provide park-bench seating around the reserve.
 2. To extend the irrigation around the reserve and replace some damaged drippers to trees & shrubs. Residents should see this happen in the next couple of months.
- A working bee has been organised for Sunday 14th June at 9am and it is hoped that all interested residents will come along and participate and enjoy a morning tea and a BBQ lunch. [Please bring along gardening equipment and the whole family]
- The signs for the bore management should be installed at the bore within the month and explain the requirements of Goulburn Murray Water.
- A Planning Permit Application was submitted to the CoGB on the 29th April for the Pavilion renovations as per the sketch in last month's edition. A wood raffle has been organised to raise funds to go toward the construction costs of the pavilion renovation.
Tickets are available from the general store and the rural cafe, at a cost of \$2-00 per ticket or three tickets for \$5-00.
The raffle will be drawn on the 7th June outside the hotel. A big thankyou to Andrew Campbell for supplying the trailer of wood.

With all that is going on I believe Redesdalian's can look forward to a bright future for our beautiful little town.

Les Pocock.

REDESDALE HOTEL - HEATHCOTE ON SHOW SATURDAY JUNE 6 AND SUNDAY JUNE 7



This landmark former Cobb and Co coach station on the Melbourne to Bendigo route was extensively restored as a restaurant, bistro and bar. Two acres of extensive gardens were stunningly developed, providing gardens of herbs and vegetables for the kitchen, gardens planted to protect patrons from the passing traffic, with shaded outdoor areas - all blending comfortably with the surrounding paddocks.

Since the sad temporary closure of the hotel, the building has stood proudly silent, her gardens and rooms still being cared for, awaiting a new owner to breathe life into her again, to provide

locals and tourists once again a heart to the community.

Over the Queen's Birthday weekend, on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th June, the brief chance has come for the hotel to be opened as part of the Heathcote on Show festival.

Three great local wine makers, Burke & Wills Winery, Coliban Valley wines and Redesdale Estate wines, will have tastings and sales, the bar will be buzzing with Tooborac craft beers on tap, home-made pies will be in the ovens of the kitchen, and espresso coffees, teas and cakes will be available all day.

There will be an exhibition of works of well-known local artists, including Peter Russell Clarke, Heather McCormack and Hayley Ajona, and leatherwork by Annette Coombe.

Open fires will once again be burning in the bar and dining room.

All who love the pub, come and try the craft beer, the local wines, have a pie- or coffee and cake. Sit on the veranda or in by the fire- and enjoy the heart of Redesdale once again.

Suzie Williams

Mia and Mia and Castlemaine Cricketers united by History



Above: Seamus McKenna of the newly formed Mia Mia Cricket Team

It is great to see that the Mia Mia Cricket Club has reformed and is playing in the Emu Valley Cricket Association where they have played previously. They have gone into recession on occasions due to their rural location and thus the availability of players. They did play in the Castlemaine and District Cricket Association for a period of time. Some of their matches are recorded in Muckleford's Cricket Club history book. I well remember our first trip to play Mia Mia. No one was sure where the ground was. However after passing over the basket handle bridge we soon came across the ground. It was fair size ground with beautiful large red gum trees at one end that provided lovely shade. Six foot high scotch thistles encroached one side of the oval. The pitch was a total surprise, matting! Never encountered by us ever before. It ensured history would be made. The first afternoon tea break will never be forgotten by our players. The biggest and best spread was offered to us. A massive collection of homemade sandwiches, cakes and sponges. Even better than the Barkers Creek club spreads at the time. Mia Mia had very good opening batsmen who was totally deaf, a bowler as fast as most in the competition. They also had a very good leg spinner who just loved to bowl on matting. Their mature age wicket keeper who sat on the stumps for the opening bowlers will never be forgotten. We always looked forward to playing a game at Mia Mia. Their club in conjunction with the association initiated a perpetual trophy, in memory of a deceased club member, that was awarded annually to a person who contributed most to the game.

(Freshy Cole won it the first year)

If you quoted the name "Jack Butcher" to the current players I think 99% of them would say Jack Who? However many retired players would feel the hair on their neck bristle! Playing for Muckleford, he terrorized batsmen from the 30'S through to the 60's. He was a big man, tall, strong, long arms with big hands. He cut, swung and bounced the ball at sizzling pace. Looking at the old score books he regularly claimed 5, 6 & 7 wickets an innings. He had a remarkable delivery when, bowling around the wicket, he went out wide of the wicket then with a round horizontal arm he would clean bowl right hand batsmen behind their legs. He was asked to train with the Victorian State squad but declined the invitation. All medium and fast bowlers that I have known in any grade of cricket held the ball with the first two fingers parallel to the seam. Jack placed only one finger along the seam. He would come to practice, place a two shilling piece on the pitch and say that is where you should land the ball. Most tried unsuccessfully for the duration to hit the coin. Jack would hit the coin probably one in every ten balls. He was also a powerful batsman. Playing in a final at Wattle Flat ground the opposing captain placed fieldsmen at short silly mid on. Jack asked the captain to put him deeper so that he would not get hurt. The opposing players scoffed at him. The very next ball he hit with much power and hit the close-in fieldsmen in the groin. He was taken to hospital. He had retired for some 4 years being well into his 50's when he went to watch a game against Chewton. Muckleford were short of

players so he agreed to fill in. He wrecked the opposition taking more than half the wickets.

What has this got to do with Mia Mia? Nearing the end of his career Muckleford travelled to play Mia Mia. Jack said if someone gets their good batsmen (the deaf man) he would get the rest. The score book shows that happened.

If you said the name George Skinner to those playing today probably 95% would say George who! You can be assured that a huge number of retired players are glad that they are not playing against him. He, playing for Muckleford, was the fastest bowler to play in the local competition. With a slinging type action he swung the ball and had a vicious off cutter. Many batsmen carried bruises for a long period of time. I am sure one Kyneton/Malmsbury stalwart would agree with me. George was picked in country Victoria sides and played against all touring countries. He played a game against the Victorian State side. Bill Lawry was the opening batsman. He stated that George was the fastest 'white' bowler he had ever faced. When asked what was the greatest memory he had playing against international sides he said, dismissing the great Indian all rounder Kapel Dev. If asked, he added quietly if the catch had not been taken it would have been a six.

I grew up with George tagging along with the Muckleford side each week where we played junior and senior cricket together with Winters Flat. I kept to a lot of bowlers around the State and I can say that I stood back eight metres further than to any other bowler when George was bowling. His fame started at Technical School when we played a game at Echuca. He opened the bowling claimed four wickets in the first over. The teacher who was umpiring requested he not bowl any more so that there would be a chance that some form of game could be played. He said this kid will play test cricket.

George ensured Muckleford won several premierships. During one game he delivered a ball which reared up and struck the batsman in the middle of his forehead (no helmets then). It stunned the batsman but did not cause any serious injury. However the impression of the seam and stitching of the ball was clearly indented on his forehead. Employment took him to Carisbrook, where he performed as expected. He was invited to play with Fitzroy where he did play some games and achieved a deal of success. He did not continue as he could not comply with the rule that he had to attend their practice. He was a very capable batsman also. He still holds the record opening partnership at Muckleford it being over two hundred runs.

What has this got to do with Mia Mia? In a game played at their ground he claimed a triple hatrick, clean bowling 5 batsmen in succession.

Mia Mia holds another piece of Muckleford's history that they are not too proud of. One season there was a bye in both 'A' and 'B' grade. To enable the players to have a game it was decided that the two teams with the bye would play each other. 'A' grade could not record any premiership points, but in the unlikely event 'B' could claim any associated points. Muckleford 'A' grade was drawn to journey Mia Mia who were positioned about the middle of the ladder. Muckleford was the power house of senior cricket at the time. As expected Mia Mia were dismissed for a mediocre score well short of one hundred. Muckleford were keen to get the required runs so they could go home as there were fires in the area. The play did not go as expected. Muckleford were playing for the first time on matting and Mia Mia had a mature age leg spinner who controlled the ball as if it was a 'drone' and mesmerized Muckleford who fell well short of the required score! If it was not for the fact that Muckleford were keen to get home to the fires they may have been further embarrassed. Mia Mia was the only team to claim premiership points.

Graeme Bassett. Life Member of the Muckleford Cricket Club.

Redesdale Community Hub Feasibility Study Project update



Project Key Communicators meet for the first time. Left to right: Andrew Plant (COGB) Kerry Anderson (Project Manager), Gloria Pocock (Community), Ivan Huston (RRRC, now replaced by Yvonne McGrath), Carolyn-Anne Boyd (Hall Committee), Kathy Hall (RaDA), Andrew Campbell (Farming Community).

Representatives of Redesdale community groups met on 11 May, 2015 to receive an update on a Community Hub Feasibility Study commissioned by the City of Greater Bendigo.

Kerry Anderson from Community Leadership Loddon Murray Inc. has been appointed to undertake this study to identify if, and how, the existing hall and recreation reserve could be developed into a community hub. She will also look at how this could optimise social and economic outcomes for the Redesdale district.

By analysing previous community conversations and through targeted discussions over the past two months, Kerry says that she has come to recognise the importance of the Redesdale facilities to surrounding rural areas.

As locals are well aware, Redesdale is unique in that it has a good sized hall located within a recreation reserve that gives it the ability to host larger events for the wider district encompassing four local government areas. This sees it playing a key role in interschool sports days and, in times of crisis, as a staging ground as was demonstrated in the 2009 bushfires.

Kerry believes that this all adds weight to the argument for investment in the facilities and says that this starts with the preliminary planning work already agreed upon

to make the reserve a much more desirable place to be used by the local community as well as those passing through Redesdale.

"Wouldn't it be great to see the hall open every day for people of all ages and interests?" she said. "We also want to give tourists a reason to stop over for longer than just to use the toilet facilities."

With no funding available without significant planning supported by evidence, Kerry stressed the importance of being open to partnerships and new ideas. She spoke about opportunities through a business model that could allow small businesses to hire spaces for their activities on a casual or regular basis, something becoming more common.

"Across many rural areas small business owners are currently operating out of inadequate home based facilities and would welcome the opportunity to take their businesses to the next level or start up a new enterprise," Kerry explained.

Conversations are also underway with Medicare Local Loddon Mallee Murray to identify how health indicators relating to the region may translate into a consultancy service or other similar activities utilising the hall.

In addition to existing events, there is the opportunity to market both the hall and reserve more extensively to Melbourne and regional audiences for specialist events such as cycling and car enthusiasts.

By introducing new revenue streams to the facilities and demonstrating a business case for any redevelopment works, this will help support new social activities for youth and interest groups.

Statistical evidence and case studies from other successful rural communities are being sourced as part of the study to demonstrate how Redesdale may shape its future utilising this unique asset.

A draft of the report will be presented to community group representatives for final comment on 13 July.

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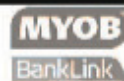
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Women of note (above) and below the Homebrew Verandah Singers



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Recipe of the Month

Janette's recipe for healthy muffins or loaf

Preheat oven to 180° C. Prepare muffin tins or loaf tin.

Ingredients:

- 1 cup All-Bran
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup wholemeal SR flour
- 1 cup dessicated coconut
- 1/2 cup raw sugar
- 1/2 cup chopped dry apricots
- 1/2 cup sultanas
- 1/2 cup wheatgerm
- 3 ripe bananas
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp bicarb soda

Method:

1. Soak All-bran in milk for 10 mins.
2. Mix dry ingredients: Mix flour, bicarb, sugar, sultanas, apricots, coconut, and wheatgerm together.
3. Mix wet ingredients: Mash bananas and add eggs and mix.
4. Mix all ingredients together.

Pour into muffin tins or loaf tin and cook at 180° for approx. 45 mins.

(Can use almond meal, prunes and spices as well.)

Mmmm! Healthy food can taste really good. Thanks Janette!

BIGGEST MORNING TEA - REDESDALE HALL

The Redesdale Hall Committee recently held another successful "Biggest Morning Tea" at the Redesdale Hall for the Cancer Council.

Close to fifty guests were entertained by Redesdale - Mia Mia Primary School students, led by their Principal Mr. Joe Sebire on guitar and their teacher Miss Southby.

The delicious morning tea served on delicate cups and saucers was enjoyed by all and several tea cosies were brought along for the competition and their stories told.

The trading table once again proved to be popular. Many of the guests return each year to meet up with one another whilst enjoying the morning and it was lovely to welcome several newcomers as well. Whilst the majority are locals from Redesdale, Mia Mia and surrounds, we have a regular guest from Bendigo, Geraldine Mitchell, who would not "miss it for the world", who was joined by a friend who thoroughly enjoyed it and vowed to return with more friends next year. Someone who has in the past been busy working in the Primary School office each year is Joyce Bartlett who was delighted to take the opportunity to travel from Bendigo to see the students perform, as she is currently on Long Service Leave.

Other visitors were from Baynton and Heathcote and several others wandered into the hall after stopping for a break on their way through town.

Special thanks must go to Coral Morozoff for helping to organize the morning, Betty Sageishek for crocheting a colorful rug and Jodi Brophy for making a beautifully decorated cake in the form of a large cup for the raffles.

Congratulations to all for supporting this worthwhile cause and for being so generous in helping to raise over \$560.00 this year for the Cancer Council!

Corolyn Boyd



School principal Mr. Sebire plays the guitar while the children entertain the visitors.



Councillor Helen Leach talks to locals



Geraldine Mitchell describes the history of her tea cosy to the visitors, watched by Coral Morozoff.



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ANZAC CEREMONY AT SUTTON GRANGE



There was an excellent turn-up at Sutton Grange for the Anzac Day commemoration of the Gallipoli landing 100 years ago. Marg Townrow and the committee arranged a memorable ceremony and tea in the hall afterwards. Glen Rieschick was the MC and Noel Davis gave a history of the locality's involvement. Jock MacRae (pictured below left) then gave a moving address concentrating particularly on the role of those who stayed at home to manage farms and families during this appalling war.



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